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Torrance Should Lend Name to Area, Stated Press Last Year

Recent rumbles between a local and an out of town newspaper over the issue of whether or not to include Torrance as a part of the area known as "South Bay" has occasioned some interest among local residents.

Issue is not a new one. As a matter of fact; more than a year ago the Torrance Press, aware that this city is the largest in the entire area, and also aware that the designation "South Bay" was never placed on this area by County action, pledged that it would never again use this title unless it were a part of a proper name.

This pledge we have kept. In each story we have either referred to adjoining cities by their own names or indicated that they were a part of the "Torrance area."

We know that, as the largest city in the Southwestern portion of the county, we are the hub of the area. If

any name should be affixed to this section of the county, it should be ours.

We would even like to carry the issue one step further. A portion of this city, all within the boundaries of Torrance, is generally called Hollywood Riviera.

With this name it is difficult for a newcomer or visitor to determine whether or not it is a part of the city.

We would like, very much, to have the designation of this area changed to "Torrance Riviera" to indicate that it is a part of our city.

Unity has been the key to the magnificent growth of Torrance over the past decade.

We are not a group of separate communities paying taxes and observing the laws of one central government.

We are residents of the city of Torrance, which is a part of the Torrance area. . . . we should be proud of it.



RALLY SCENE—Ted Bruinsma, center, endorsed Republican candidate for Congress in the 17th District, is shown at a recent Bruinsma for Congress rally in Torrance with campaign finance chairman John Christman of San Pedro, left, and Jud Leetham, right, chairman of the Los Angeles County Central Committee.

Memorial Day Has Special Meaning to Americans, History of US Flag Shown

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Those are stirring words . . . words which have special meaning for Americans this month.

Danger may lie on every side, but to those who can sincerely repeat the pledge of allegiance, the future of the country holds no terrors.

According to Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia, the pledge of allegiance to the flag was first published in 1892 at Boston, Mass. Authorship was claimed for James B. Upham and Francis Bellamy. It was not until 1939 that the United States Flag Association ruled that Bellamy was the author of the original pledge.

The first display of the American flag was probably on November 1, 1777, when the Ranger, commanded by John Paul Jones, sailed from Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The first display in combat at sea was in November, 1777, when John Paul Jones, enroute to Nantes on the Ranger, captured two brigantines and sent them into French ports as prizes.

FIRST APPEARANCE

In ground combat, the flag first appeared on August 16, 1777, at the battle of Bennington, Vermont.

The American flag was carried by the Columbia when she sailed around the world Sept. 30, 1787 to Aug. 10, 1790.

First foreign recognition of the flag was on February 14, 1778 when a salute of nine guns from the French Fleet answered to a salute of 13 guns given by John Paul Jones as he entered Quiberon Bay near Brest, France.

The stars and stripes design for the American flag was authorized by Congress on June 14, 1777. Theory is that the stars and stripes were taken from the coat of arms of the Washington family.

As originally accepted, the American flag had 13 stripes and 13 stars but in 1795 was given 15 stripes and 15 stars to honor the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. In 1812 Congress authorized the return to 13 stripes and 20 stars and ordered one star added to the flag for every new state admitted to the Union.

Because its creation dates back to 1777, the flag of the United States is the fifth oldest national flag in the world. Older flags are those of Denmark, Switzerland, Sweden and the Netherlands.

HAWAII IS 50TH

When President Dwight Eisenhower signed the official proclamation which admitted Hawaii as the 50th state on Aug. 21 1959, he also issued an executive order authorizing the new 50-star American flag. This is the United States 27th flag.

Before admission of Alaska the flag had remained unchanged since 1912 when Arizona and New Mexico were admitted as states. A 46-star flag was designed to reflect the admission of Oklahoma into the Union in

1907 and Utah's admission caused a 45-star flag to be created in 1896.

Since early times people have displayed various kinds of objects to show their nationality or their allegiance.

Aztec carried fans made of quetzal bird; and Assyrians bore disks with an image of a running bull on them. The first battle "flag" of ancient Rome was a mere wisp of straw tied to a pole.

Cotton or woolen bunting was formerly used for flags. For many years, however,

America favored silk, which is still popular but the nylon flag is rapidly gaining in acceptance because it wears longer and is easier to keep fresh and clean.

June 14, 1962 will be one hundred and first anniversary of the first observance of Flag Day at Hartford, Conn. On June 14, 1893, flag day was first celebrated in public schools at Philadelphia.

On August 3, 1949, President Truman approved a resolution designating June 14 as annual National Flag Day.

Community Support Given To School Bond Issues

Mounting community support for three school bond and tax measures — Propositions A, B and C — that will appear on the June 5 primary election ballot was reported today by A. Andrew Hauk, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for School Development.

"The new endorsements that we are receiving every day demonstrate that the public recognizes the need for providing the bond money and the tax support essential to expanding our Los Angeles city school system to accommodate our growing population," Hauk said.

Hauk called attention to the special importance of Proposition C, which provides for a 60-cent increase in the school tax ceiling, to be applied in small amounts over an estimated five-year period, to provide the funds for hiring more teachers and buying more supplies to staff and equip the new schools that must be built.

Propositions A and B authorize \$128,800 in bonds to build 1,784 new classrooms for the 105,000 additional students who will enroll in the city schools in the next three years.

"Bond money for buildings must be backed up by Proposition C in order to insure that every new classroom we build will have the services of a full-time teacher, a desk for every child, and the equipment needed to make effective use of the new buildings," Hauk emphasized.

Endorsements of Propositions A, B, and C have been received from Superior Judge John F. Aiso, the Allied Printing Trades Council, the California Legislative

Board of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, president Joseph Ferri representing the California American-Italian Citizen League, and chairman Patrick A. Comore representing Local No. 601 of the Railway Carmen of America.

The Citizens' Committee has received additional pledges of support from Mrs. George M. Kaig, president of the American Association of University Women, San Pedro branch; Ben N. Scott, member of the State Board of Education and head of the Retail Clerks Union in the Harbor Area; and G. Henry Green, president of the San Pedro Council of Churches.

Proposition B which provides for a second \$3,000,000 expansion program at Harbor College received the endorsement of the Board of Education of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. The Palos Verdes school board observed that Proposition 8, providing \$24,000,000 for junior college development, is "a sound and constructive proposal."

Endorsements of all three city school measures have been received from the Dominguez Chamber of Commerce; Vernita Miller of Roll, ing Hills, president of Delta Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; Fred Thomsen, executive secretary of the YMCA in San Pedro; Frances Clark, president of the Harbor Area YWCA; and secretary Evelyn E. Poindexter of Lomita Square Civic Assn.

Advertisement for Pacific Products featuring 'CUSTOM ROOM ADDITIONS' and 'MORE LIVING SPACE FOR YOUR MONEY'. Includes contact information for Pacific Products at 3845 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA.

Candidate Will Oppose Household Furniture Tax

Future assessor opposition to the Household Furniture Tax was promised by Howard M. Kessler, candidate for Los Angeles County Assessor, if he were elected.

And now everybody is getting nicked with household furniture taxes," Howard Kessler said.

"It is my opinion that the assessing of household furniture actually in use by the owner thereof in his or her dwelling should be exempt from taxation," he commented.

Bell Reports Endorsement of Charles Chapel

Congressman Alphonzo Bell today announced his endorsement of the candidacy of Assemblyman Charles Edward Chapel for re-election in the 46th Assembly District.

Commenting that the retention of the veteran legislator is "in the best interest of voters of both parties," Bell declared: "Assemblyman Chapel has been a popular and effective legislative representative in Sacramento. His seniority will continue to be of value to residents of the 46th District. He is a respected friend with whom I have worked on government and party matters for a good many years whose voice is badly needed in the State Assembly."

Congressman Bell, a former chairman of both the State and County Republican Central Committees, urged Republicans to "go to the polls on June 5 and give Chapel an impressive vote of confidence as a demonstration of appreciation for his years of devoted public service."

As a real estate investor for sixteen years, Kessler has specialized in difficult real estate problems with special emphasis given to property assessments.

Howard Kessler has been a resident of Los Angeles County since 1939; is married to Loretta Bailey; and has a daughter that attends the University of Southern California. He is presently a major in the United States Army Reserve, and is a member of the American Legion, Reserve Officer's Association and Military Police Association.

"Los Angeles County deserves continued evaluation and assessment on an all-year county-wide basis," he concluded, "instead of the present section by section basis. The section by section basis has been a device by the assessor's office to divide and conquer, and should be stopped immediately."

Legislative reapportionment in 1961 added the 46th Assembly District to the newly designated 28th Congressional District in which Congressman Bell is campaigning as an incumbent.

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Academic Standards at El Camino Zoom As Three Language Students Win Awards

Academic standards of El Camino College went into orbit again this week as three foreign language students were awarded prizes in the third Language Council Junior College Essay Contest.

Sponsored by the Foreign Language Council of Pasadena City College, the contest was open to any junior college student in the Southern California area.

"El Camino had three essays entered in the contest and each of the entries received an award," Dr. Jeannette Campiglia, Spanish instructor, announced today.

"It is extremely gratifying to the foreign language department that our students excelled in competition with so many other junior colleges," Dr. Campiglia added.

In Spanish, Clifford Hersey, major in that field, received a \$5 award for his second place essay on the life of middle-class families in Mexico.

For her French essay, "La Mer," Lorraine Rockett also received a second prize.

Wilma Webster, Spanish major, was awarded an honorable mention for her contribution about North American tourists.



SCIENCE EQUIPMENT used in the instructional program at El Camino College is studied by instructor Margaret Lehman, lab technician Jim Lund and Dr. Harry F. Meiners, a visiting professor of physics from Rensselaer Polytechnical Institution, Troy, N. Y. Dr. Meiners, sponsored by the American Association of Physics Teachers and RPI, under a grant from the National Science Foundation, has made a thorough study of science facilities of colleges from coast to coast.

Public Housing Issue 'Full of Holes'

"Proposition No. 4, the \$100 million public housing bond issue on the June ballot is as full of holes legally as a fishnet," today charged E. Talbot Callister, chairman of the Lawyers' Committee Against Proposition No. 4. Asking why Proposition No. 4 should be a Constitutional Amendment while the other four state bond issues are statutes, Callister made these points:

"1. It nullifies Article 34 which gives cities and counties the protection of voter approval before public housing projects can go in.

"2. Its sweeping provision quoted above supersedes the 'gift clause,' an historic safeguard giving away public funds for non-public purposes. (See Sec. 31, Article 4, State Constitution).

"3. It changes legislative procedures and gives a potentially higher priority to this kind of housing than the present Constitution gives to the budget.

"4. It supersedes Section 11 of Article 1 of the Constitution, which provides 'All laws of a general nature shall have a uniform operation.' "As if these things aren't bad enough, Proposition No. 4 also authorizes the legislature to appropriate money for public housing in addition to its \$100,000,000 in bonds. It exempts these projects from state and local taxation. It permits public housing authorities to build projects when and where they wish, with full powers of condemnation. This is plain bad legislation. It is financial quicksand for the taxpayers plus being a legal atrocity," Sallister said.

Taxpayer's Group Endorse State Construction Bonds

Support for the passage of the \$270 million bond proposal to continue bond financing of the State Construction Program was given today by the Board of Directors of California Taxpayers' Association who approved Proposition 3 on the June 5 primary election ballot.

"In view of the needs of the junior colleges and other institutions of higher learning due to our soaring college population, the additional monies are sorely needed to carry on the expansion provided in the State Construction Program and in the master plan for higher education," S. J. Arnold, Cal-Tax general manager stated in announcing the board's position.

The 1962-63 State budget proposes \$141 million in capital outlay to be financed by bonds. Included are: State college system, \$60 million; University of California, \$52 million; Department of Corrections, \$12.5 million and others. These items would be financed with about \$90 million from the proposed bond issue supplemented by about \$50 million from presently unused prior authorizations. Also proposed is the use of "at least" \$20 million of the bond funds for land, buildings and equipment for junior colleges or the payment of interest and redemption of school district bonds for junior college purposes.

"If Proposition 3 is not approved by the voters, the necessary funds will have to be provided through the general fund and could have

ten the day when new State taxes would be proposed," Arnold declared.

"Another compelling reason for passage of this measure is that the State's best defense against federal intervention in higher education through subventions and the inevitable controls which follow is for Californians to provide their own realistic financing for higher education," Arnold said.

Daylight Saving Time Endorsed by Travel Agents

Welcoming an opportunity to unscramble timetables and flight schedules during the one month California is out-of-step with the rest of the nation time-wise, the executives committee of the American Society of Travel Agents in Southern California today endorsed Proposition 6 which would extend Daylight Saving Time through October.

"Travelers who fly cross-country will approve bringing California in step with the rest of the nation," said Southern California ASTA president John Gibson, pointing out that most business centers of the country remain on Daylight Saving Time through October but California reverts to regular time at the end of September.

Proposition 6 will be voted upon at the June 5 primary.

Large political advertisement for Governor Pat Brown. Features a portrait of Pat Brown and the text: 'We're Your Neighbors... And We're for PAT BROWN GOVERNOR BROWN'. Includes a list of endorsements from various community groups and individuals.